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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations, NFAC

SUBJECT : Prospective DCI Discussion/Dinner Subject:
"Imperial Cuba, the Domestic Side"

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1. Action Requested: Your approval of a Discussion/Dinner on the above subject, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, 12 April 1979.

2. Background: Although a great deal of attention is being devoted to the Cuban military presence in Africa and the Middle East and to Castro's reasons for engaging in this proxi-imperialism, there appears to have been comparatively little U.S. Government attention to the political situation in Cuba itself that makes such an adventurous policy possible or to the domestic impact of that policy. There are other reasons why the internal situation in Cuba is a worthy subject of discussion. For example, in 1976 the Cuban political structure completed a lengthy process of reorganization. As a result, Cuba today is strikingly different from the Cuba of the 1960s. New political institutions have been created and major changes in economic policies have been implemented. New elite groupings (such as the returning African veterans and the so-called "technocrats") are beginning to make their appearance and the original members of the revolutionary elite are aging. Loyalties forged during the struggle against Batista are fading as institutional affiliations become increasingly powerful influences on the behavior of the leadership. The Castro regime has made great strides in social services such as education and public health, but major economic and social problems still exist. These problems are likely to be exacerbated over the next decade as a post-revolution generation of Cubans make increasing demands on a limited economic resource base. The burden of maintaining thousands of soldiers, doctors, and technical personnel of various categories abroad -- not to say of absorbing their energies and satisfying their expectations when they return home -- are unlikely to ease the transition.

3. I have enlisted the NFAC Cuban Center's support, urging the analysts to focus upon Cuban developments that deserve more consideration than can be given in the Center's duty time. They suggest that we include

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as our academic participants two of their consultants, Jorge Dominguez of Harvard and Edward Gonzalez of UCLA, both of whom will be here for a meeting with the Center on the 12th and 13th of April. Lyle Lane, Chief of the U.S. Interests Section, Swiss Embassy, in Havana is also expected to be in Washington about that time and we may be able to include him as well. In any case, we should be able to interest senior officers from State and the NSC. At my request, [redacted] is holding Thursday evening, 12 April, for this Discussion/Dinner if the subject meets with your approval.

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4. Recommendation: That you approve the subject and date of the proposed Discussion/Dinner so that planning may proceed.

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APPROVED:



Director of Central Intelligence

DISAPPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

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